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CONSULTATIONS CW, APRIL 7, 1977

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1. SUMMARY: FINAL MEETING OF US/USSR BILATERALS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) WAS HELD AFTERNOON, APRIL 7. USSR REP MADE BRIEF SUMMARY STATEMENT AND CONCLUDED SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. COMMUNIQUE WILL BE RELEASED APRIL 12 (DETAILS SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. THE FINAL MEETING, ROUND TWO OF US/USSR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CW WAS HELD AFTERNOON, APRIL 7. USSR REP (LIKHATCHEV) MADE BRIEF SUMMARY STATEMENT WHICH BEGAN WITH REMARK THAT USSR DEL IS READY TO GO ON FROM HERE AND WORK OUT TREATY TEXT. HE FELT ROUND TWO TALKS HAD BEEN AS USEFUL AS ROUND ONE IN "PREPARING A BASIS FOR PRACTICAL WORK FOR THE FORMULATION OF OUR JOINT INITIATIVE." USSR REP CITED VERIFICATION AS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TWO

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PAPERS HANDED OVER TO US DEL AND USSR DEL EXPERTS' EXPLANATIONS WOULD "MAKE A USEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF CONTROL." HOWEVER, HE RECOGNIZED THAT SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN ON THIS ISSUE AND SAID THE ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME SUCH DIVERGENCE OF OPINION IS TO "ADOPT A CERTAIN POLITICAL DECISION" IN CONTEXT OF WORKING OUT TEXT OF AGREEMENT.

3. USSR REP REITERATED POSITION ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES, OUTLINED REFTEL, AND SAID THAT FURTHER WORK WOULD BE NEEDED IN THIS AREA. RE SCOPE, HE SAID USSR DEL BELIEVES SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD COVER ALL LETHAL AGENTS; HE DEFINED PRECURSORS BY LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE I, PARA 2 OF SOVIET AUGUST 1974 DRAFT ("... AGENTS WHICH MAY BE COMPONENTS OF MIXTURES, WHICH, WHEN USED IN COMBAT, PRODUCE AGENTS OF TOXICITY EXCEEDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LEVEL") AND SAID THEIR DEFINITION CORRESPONDED WITH US TERM. US REP STATED THAT SOVIET DEFINITION DID NOT COVER ALL PRECURSORS. (COMMENT: SOVIET TREATY LANGUAGE COVERS ONLY PRECURSORS USED IN BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE PRECURSORS WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN CONVENTIONAL PROCESSES FOR CW AGENT PRODUCTION). USSR REP DID NOT ELABORATE ON PREVIOUSLY STATED SOVIET POSITION ON INCAPACITANTS.

4. USSR REP SAID THAT THE "STAGE FOR CONSIDERING AND AGREEING ON TECHNICAL MATTERS HAS ALREADY PASSED ... IT IS NECESSARY TO EMBARK ON POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS" WITH A VIEW TO PRODUCING A JOINT DRAFT AGREEMENT. THIS SHOULD BE THE FORM OF US/USSR JOINT INITIATIVE. HE SAID CCD IS AWAITING THE SOVIET-AMERICAN INITIATIVE "IMPATIENTLY," AND THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE RAPID APPROACH OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) WHEN CONSIDERING WORK ON THE JOINT INITIATIVE. REITERATING SOVIET ANXIETY "TO GET MOVING," USSR REP SAID, "WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO START, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FOR-

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MULATING SUCH A DOCUMENT." BEFORE CLOSING MEETING, USSR REP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US DEL WOULD COME TO NEXT BILATERALS WITH "POCKETFUL OF INSTRUCTIONS" SO THAT HE (USSR REP) COULD CARRY OUT ALL HIS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH INCLUDED GUIDANCE FOR NEGOTIATING TREATY TEXT.

4. FINAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:30 PM, APRIL 7. US REP AND MEMBER US DEL (PHELPS) REMAINED AFTER MEETING TO CONCLUDE WORK ON COMMUNIQUE (DETAILS SEPTTEL). SORENSON

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